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MAKING A NANOTUBE POLYMER COMPOSITE

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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION OF PATENT TERM ADJUSTMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the Patent Term Adjustment (PTA) indicated on the above-identified patent. Applicants disagree with the Determination of Patent Term Adjustment made by the PTO under 35 USC § 154(b). In the Issue Notification, the PTO indicated that the Patent Term Adjustment was 494 days. The PTO's determination is believed to be incorrect because Patent Term Adjustment should be 854 days instead of 494 days. Applicants' calculation of the Patent Term Adjustment is attached as Exhibit 1.

The PTO's Determination of the Patent Term Adjustment is believed to be incorrect because the PTO is not using the actual filing date (commencement date) to determine the starting point of the three years, which in this case is the date the national stage commenced under 35 USC 371(b). The commencement date, in accordance with 35 USC 371(b), is June

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9, 2005. Three years from June 9, 2005 is June 9, 2008. The number of days beginning on June 9, 2008 and ending on the date the patent granted (March 9, 2010) is 638 days.

There was an additional 310 days of 1.705(d) USPTO delay. Thus, the total 1.705(b) and (d) USPTO delay is 948 days (i.e., $638 + 310 = 948$).

Of these 948 days of 1.705(b) and (d) USPTO delay, 64 days of delay overlap. Subtracting the overlap days from total USPTO delay days provides a total non-overlapping USPTO delay of 884 days (i.e., $948 - 64 = 884$).

Applicants do not dispute the 30 days of delay due to Applicants' filing of a response on June 8, 2009, to non-final office action dated February 9, 2009.

Therefore, the final Patent Term Adjustment to date should be **854** days (i.e. 884 days of non-overlapping USPTO delays minus 30 days of Applicants' delay = 854 days). Reconsideration and correction of the Patent Term Adjustment is respectfully requested.

The \$200.00 fee is included in the attached credit card authorization form. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check or credit card authorization form being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Respectfully submitted,

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